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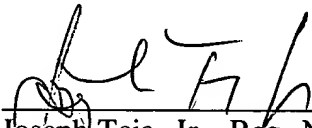
Supplemental to an amendment mailed on February 2, 2005, and following a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on July 28, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. In this supplemental amendment, claims 27, 66, 72, 85, 101, 159, 164, 184, 200, 210, 244, 250, 277-279, 281, and 287 have been amended to alternatively define Applicants' contribution to the art. Also, claims 77-79, 199, 251 and 283 have been cancelled without prejudice.

As a result, claims 1, 16-19, 21, 22, 25-33 and 66-76, 80-198, 200-250, 252-282, and 284-298 presently are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 16, 17, 25, 66, 80, 85, and 175 are independent claims. The application as now presented is believed to be in allowable condition.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 06-1448, reference CKB-061.01.

Respectfully submitted,

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